

## Consultation QuestionsTargets

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| <p>1. Should a Scottish target be based on carbon dioxide only or the basket of six greenhouse gases?</p>   | <p>Yes all green house gases can contribute to Climate Change.</p>  |
| <p><b><i>2. Should the Bill contain provisions to alter which gases are included, for example if the reliability of data for a particular gas improves or if science changes in the future about which gases cause climate change?</i></b></p>  | <p>The Bill needs to be flexible to changes in the latest scientific research,</p>  |
| <p>3. The Scottish Government wishes to ensure that the Bill gives sufficient incentives to invest in energy efficiency and renewable electricity. Should the targets be based on source emissions; an end-user inventory, or on individual targets for energy efficiency and renewable electricity? Do you have any other suggestions?</p> | <p>The targets should be based on source emissions in order to take account of all emissions. The government should use other initiatives to encourage energy efficiencies and renewable electricity. Also investment is needed by the government in research and developmet of renewable energy sources.</p> |

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| <p><b>4. Do you agree that the Bill should allow the means of measuring the target to be changed through secondary legislation to reflect international developments or unforeseen consequences of the Bill?</b></p>   | <p>The Bill itself should include measures to make sure the targets are achieved and for the targets to be changed in the light of international developments or new scientific research.</p>            |
| <p>5. Should the emissions reduction target take account of the abatement effort made by companies under emissions trading schemes? If so, how?</p>  | <p>Emission trading targets are set too low and in effect allow business as usual. Emissions need to be reduced irrespective of any highly fluted trading scheme which attempts to avoid the issues.</p> |
| <p><b>6. Do you agree that international credits should be counted towards Scottish targets? Should there be limits on credits counted towards Scottish targets?</b></p>   | <p>International credits are meaningless as the whole emissions trading scheme is flawed.</p>  |
| <p>7. Should the Bill allow the level of the 2050 target to be changed through secondary legislation? If so, should this only be allowed on the basis of independent, expert advice, to reflect international developments or unforeseen consequences of the Bill? Should any changes to the target be limited to an increase in the target?</p> | <p>The 2050 targets should be set to be flexible in the light of new research.</p>   |

#### Supporting Framework

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| <p>8. What factors should be taken into account when setting the level of budgets?</p>  |  |
| <p><b>9. How long should interim budget periods be?</b></p>   | <p>Emissions need to be assessed annually to insure reductions are met by 2050.</p>  |
| <p>10. How many years in advance should emissions budget periods be set in order to provide sufficient time to develop infrastructure?</p>  | <p>Emission budgets need to be set based on current science to meet long term targets. Budgets and targets should be set from the start of legislations.</p> |
| <p><b>11. What should be the limit (in terms of absolute quantity or as a percentage of the budget period) on the amount of emissions which the Government can borrow from a following budget period?</b></p> | <p>None.</p>   |
| <p>12. Should the Bill include an interim point target? If so, what year (or years) should it be for (2020, 2025, 2030 etc)? How should the level be chosen?</p>  | <p>Interim targets should be set for each year.</p>  |

## Reporting Scrutiny and Framework

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| <p>13. Should the Scottish Ministers be required to report on any other issues related to climate change in addition to the requirements already set out. If so, what and how often?</p>  | <p>The Scottish government should be required to report on all green houses gas emissions for each source annually.</p>  |
| <p><b><i>14. Is a process of Parliamentary scrutiny the appropriate way of holding the Scottish Government to account if targets or budgets are not met?</i></b></p>  | <p>Parliamentary scrutiny would be one way of holding the government to account. Perhaps other means are needed through international agreements and bodies e.g. the UN.</p>                       |
| <p>15. What should be the primary source of advice to the Scottish Government for setting emissions targets or budgets and why? Options include: the proposed UK Committee on Climate Change, a new Scottish Committee on Climate Change, an existing public body in Scotland, or the Scottish Government itself.</p>   | <p>The proposed UK Committee on Climate Change can provide some advice but as the Scottish Bill is an addition some other Scottish body needs to provide advice. NGOs may have a role to play.</p> |
| <p><b><i>16. If it were to be an existing Scottish public body, which public body is most suited to carrying out this task and why?</i></b></p>   |  |
| <p>17. Which organisation should be tasked with monitoring the progress of the Scottish Government on reducing emissions and why? Options include: the proposed UK Committee on Climate Change, a new Scottish Committee on Climate Change, an existing public body in Scotland, or the Scottish Government itself.</p> |  |
| <p><b><i>18. If it were to be an existing Scottish public body, which public body is most suited to carrying out this task and why?</i></b></p>   |  |
| <p>19. Should additional independent mechanisms for scrutinising the effectiveness of the Scottish Government's policies in reducing emissions be created by the Bill (in addition to any scrutiny already provided by the Scottish Parliament)?</p>  |  |
| <p><b><i>20. If so, which organisation is best placed to carry out this function and why? Options include a new Scottish Committee on Climate Change or an existing public body</i></b></p>   |  |

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| <i>in Scotland.</i>   |  |
| 21. If it were to be an existing Scottish public body, which public body is most suited to carrying out this task and why?  |  |
| <b>22. Are there any other functions related to climate change, existing or new, which should be carried out at arms length from the Scottish Government and why?</b> |  |

### Supporting Measures

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| 23. Should the Bill contain enabling powers to introduce a duty on certain parts of the public sector (i.e. local authorities and large public bodies) to take specified actions on climate change or other specified environmental issues? Why?  | For the Bill to be effective local authorities and large public bodies must take action to enable emissions reductions. Enabling measures are needed for this. |
| <b>24. What should such a duty (or duties) include?</b>   |  |
| 25. Should the Bill contain enabling powers to introduce statutory guidance for certain public sector bodies (i.e. local authorities and large public bodies) on specified climate change or other environmental measures? Why? Are there gaps in any existing guidance?  |  |
| <b>26. What should this guidance include?</b>   |  |
| 27. Should the Bill contain enabling powers to create a requirement for certain public sector bodies (i.e. local authorities and large public bodies) to make regular reports on specific measures they are taking to tackle climate change (whether mitigation or adaptation) or other environmental issues? Why? What should be included in such reports? |  |
| <b>28. As a potential non-legislative measure, should current Best Value guidance be amended to take specific account of climate change mitigation and adaptation? If so, how should Best Value guidance be amended?</b>  |  |

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| <p>29. Are there any amendments to existing legislation or any enabling powers needed to allow for variable charging (for example by local authorities) to incentivise action or eliminate perverse incentives?</p> |  |
| <p><b>30. Are there any provisions to help Scotland adapt to the impacts of climate change which should be included in the Scottish Climate Change Bill?</b></p>  |  |
| <p>31. Should provisions within the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, be amended in order to provide clearer links with emissions reduction? If so, how should this be done?</p>                        |  |
| <p><b>32. What are the equalities implications of the measures in the proposals for the Scottish Climate Change Bill?</b></p>   |  |
| <p>33. Is there any existing legislation within the competence of the Scottish Parliament (devolved) which needs to be amended so that appropriate action can be taken on climate change by sectors in society?</p> | <p>Any legislation enabling road building or reductions on tolls makes a mockery of any action on climate change. These will increase emissions from vehicles.</p> |

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